

P1 1056588

REC'D 02 SEP 2003

WIPO

PCT

# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

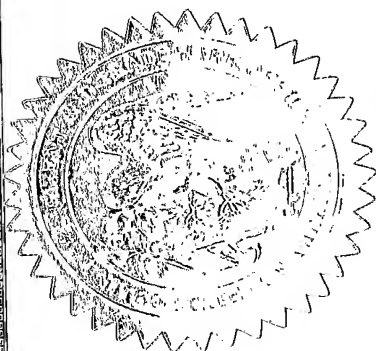
August 26, 2003

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ANNEXED HERETO IS A TRUE COPY FROM THE RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE OF THOSE PAPERS OF THE BELOW IDENTIFIED PATENT APPLICATION THAT MET THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE GRANTED A FILING DATE.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 60/398,455

FILING DATE: July 25, 2002

RELATED PCT APPLICATION NUMBER: PCT/US03/22959



By Authority of the  
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

*W. Montgomery*  
W. MONTGOMERY  
Certifying Officer

**PRIORITY  
DOCUMENT**

SUBMITTED OR TRANSMITTED IN  
COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 17.1(a) OR (b)

07/25/02  
1131 U.S. PTO

07 - 26 07 24 55 07 25 02

Apr

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0032  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

## PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT COVER SHEET

This is a request for filing a PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT under 37 CFR 1.53(c).

INVENTOR(S)		
Given Name (first and middle [if any])	Family Name or Surname	Residence (City and either State or Foreign Country)
Frank	Zora	Lathrup Village, Michigan
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional inventors are being named on the _____ separately numbered sheets attached hereto.		Date of Deposit: 7/25/02 Mailing Label Number: EVI18534581US "EXPRESS MAIL" Mailing Label Number: 7/25/02
TITLE OF THE INVENTION (280 characters max)		
CASINO CARD GAME		
Direct all correspondence to: CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Number <input type="text"/> → <input type="checkbox"/> Place Customer Number Bar Code Label Here (Signature of person mailing paper or fee)		
OR Type Customer Number here		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Firm or Individual Name	KOHN & ASSOCIATES	
Address	30500 Northwestern Highway, Suite 410	
Address		
City	Farmington Hills	State Michigan ZIP 48334
Country	US	Telephone (248) 539-5050 Fax (248) 539-5055
ENCLOSED APPLICATION PARTS (check all that apply)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification Number of Pages 8	<input type="checkbox"/> CD(s), Number <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) Number of Sheets <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) Acknowledgement Postcard	
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76		
METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FILING FEES FOR THIS PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT (check one)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.	FILING FEE AMOUNT (\$)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check or money order is enclosed to cover the filing fees	11-1449 \$80.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number		
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.		
The invention was made by an agency of the United States Government or under a contract with an agency of the United States Government.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the name of the U.S. Government agency and the Government contract number are: _____		

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNATURE

TYPED or PRINTED NAME AMY E. RINALDO

TELEPHONE

(248) 539-5050

Date

7/25/02

REGISTRATION NO.

(if appropriate)

Docket Number:

45,791

7127.00001

## USE ONLY FOR FILING A PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.51. The information is used by the public to file (and by the PTO to process) a provisional application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 8 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the complete provisional application to the PTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Box Provisional Application, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

P19SMALL/REV05



hand.

Games such as blackjack, poker, and others pit a dealer against a plurality of other players. The value of the player's hands, taken individually, is  
 5 pitted against that of the dealer's hand. This may be accomplished by simple arithmetic addition, or by arbitrarily awarding superior status to certain cards or to certain combinations thereof.

It would be beneficial to develop a new card game that can be played  
 10 at casinos in order to attract new customers to the casinos.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Generally, the present invention provides a card game. The card game  
 15 is preferably played in a casino. The general goal of the present invention is a to obtain a hand that has a point total of less than or equal to 31. Basically, the player with the closest hand to 31 wins.

The game begins with each player and the dealer being dealt two  
 20 cards. The dealer's hand must show one card. The dealer must stand on 27 or higher. Generally, six to eight decks can be used. There can be deviation from this standard without departing from the general principle of the game.

The player is then allowed to request additional cards in an attempt to reach a point total of 31. The goal of the player is to have a hand with a point total closer or equivalent to 31 than the dealer's hand. However, a hand total of 14 beats any other hand, unless the other hand has a point total equal to 31.

- 5 Additionally, if both the dealer and the player have the same hand, then it is a push, in other words there is no winner. The payoff of the hands is determined by the casino in which the game is being played.

10 The point total of the cards is calculated based upon the card values commonly used in blackjack. In other words, face cards and tens are worth ten points, aces are worth either one or eleven points and all remaining cards are worth their face value.

15 While playing the game there is no limit to the number of cards a player can request as many cards as desired and the player can double down at any time. When doubling down, the player only receives one additional card. Further, the player can split pairs into separate hands. The splitting is preferably limited to four times, however, this number can vary based upon the casino in which the game is being tested. Split aces can have as many  
20 cards added to them in order to reach the desired 31.

The playing surface is preferably a preprinted felt covering that is placed on top of a gambling table. Alternatively, the playing surface can be simulated on a video screen and the game can be played via computer under software control with the cards being simulated and the player participating at an interactive video station. Depicted on the playing surface is a single dealer position and multiple player positions. The layout of each player position is identical to all other player positions. Although seven player positions are shown, as many as ten players or as few as one player and one dealer can play the game.

10

Referring to "regular bet", this betting option is the standard bet for a player to beat the Dealer regardless of the amount of cards received by the player or the dealer (as long as the player does not go over 31 in total point count). If the player sticks with a certain count of 31 or less and the Dealer "busts" or goes over 31 in the total point count for the Dealer's cards, then the player wins.

15

The card game disclosed in the present patent application can be played on a gaming machine such as a video machine or in any gaming environment. Therefore, the term "table" as used in the claims is intended to encompass any video game or other card game which uses the unique card game of the present invention.

20

A detailed description of the casino card game is set forth in Appendix A included herewith and incorporated by reference in its entirety.

5 Throughout this application, various publications, including United States patents, are referenced by author and year, and patents, by number. Full citations for the publications are listed below. The disclosures of these publications and patents in their entireties are hereby incorporated by reference into this application in order to more fully describe the state of the art to which this invention pertains.

10 The invention has been described in an illustrative manner, and it is to be understood that the terminology that has been used is intended to be in the nature of words of description rather than of limitation.

15 Obviously, many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings. It is, therefore, to be understood that within the scope of the described invention, the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically described.

## APPENDIX A



# Lucky 14<sub>TM</sub>

## Rules: Player

- Player's goal is to hit or get as close to 31 as possible
- The player with the closest hand to 31 wins
- Any combination of 14 beats any hand other than 31
- There is no limit on number of cards up to 31
- Player can split pairs into separate hands up to four times
- Player can double down anytime, but may only get one card
- Aces count as either 1 or 11
- Split aces get as many cards as needed up to 31

## Best Combinations of 14

(in order of highest to lowest)

1	7-7
2	A-3
3	K, Q, J, 10-4
4	Any other combinations of 2 cards
5	Any other combinations of 3 cards
6	Any other combination of 4 cards, etc.

## Rules: Dealer

- 6 or 8 standard decks may be used
- All jokers must be removed
- Dealer must deal two cards to each player
- Dealer's hand must show one card up
- Dealer must stand on 27 or above
- If both dealer and player have same hand, then it is push (no winner)

*Patent pending*

